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Minutes of the Meeting

PINELLAS-ANCLOTE RIVER BASIN BOARD
Southwest Florida Water Management District

Clearwater, Florida

April 8, 2009

The Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board of Southwest Florida Water Management District convened for a regular meeting at 9:03 a.m., April 8, 2009, in Clearwater City Hall, Clearwater, Florida.

Board Members Present

Sallie Parks, Co-Chair Ex Officio
Todd Pressman, Co-Chair Ex Officio
Rodney Fischer, Vice Chair
Terry England, Secretary
Janet Hoppe, Member
Chet Renfro, Member

Staff Present

Lou Kavouras
Mark Hammond
Michael Molligan
Eric DeHaven
Will Miller
Kathy Scott
Jason Mickel
Jeremy McKay

Bruce Wirth
Linda Pilcher
Roy Mazur
Miki Renner
Jennette Seachrist
Tamera McBride
Cori Cuttler

Board Member Absent

Kathryn Starkey, Member
Mitch Hammer, Member

Recording Secretary: Phyllis Young

An attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Basin. Compact disks of the audio and copies of the materials and handouts, as set out in full herein, are also filed in the permanent files of the Basin.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Ex Officio Todd Pressman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Ms. Phyllis Young, Senior Administrative Assistant, Boards and Executive Services, called the roll and noted a quorum was present. (CD 1/ Track 1)

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Co-Chair Pressman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. (CD 1/Track 1)

3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Ms. Lou Kavouras, Deputy Executive Director, Outreach, Planning, and Board Services, reported that Agenda Item 4, the Oath of Office, was deleted from the agenda since no appointments for this Basin Board had been forthcoming from the Governor's office. (CD 1/ Track 1)

4. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed/Re-Appointed Board Members – This item was deleted from the agenda, as stated above. (CD 1/Track 1)

5. Basin Activities Report and Agenda Review

Mr. Jason Mickel, Basin Planner, reported that this agenda item would be added to each Basin Board agenda providing an opportunity for the Basin Planner to give an overview of relevant items on the agenda, information items, and other topics of interest. Mr. Mickel presented this informational item, explaining how the items relate to the Board's Strategic Budget Priorities, the Strategic Plan, or other Board concerns. (CD 1/Track 1)

During this presentation, Co-Chair Parks joined the meeting, and Co-Chair Pressman relinquished the gavel to her.

6. **Consent Items:**

After consideration, Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Ms. Hoppe, to approve the following Consent Items:

- a. **Minutes of the February 4, 2009, Meeting** – Approve the February minutes, as presented.
- b. **Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Amendment to Include Additional Revenue from Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF) for Surface Water Improvement and Management Projects**
 1. Approve Resolution No. 85, Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget of the Pinellas-Anclote River Basin by an increase of \$2,568,563 from \$46,629,429 to \$49,197,992 to reflect the additional revenue from the WMLTF. This is subject to approval of budget amendments by the Manasota and Withlacoochee River Basin Boards to remove the WMLTF revenue and the associated expenditure appropriations for two education centers that would allow for the reallocation of these funds for FY2009.
 2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve and execute agreements to add the WMLTF revenue to the Clam Bayou Stormwater Treatment and Habitat Restoration project (W242) for \$1 million; Pinellas Park Implementation of BMPs Homeland/Sawgrass Watershed project (W277) for \$800,000; Highland Avenue Retrofit project (W279) for \$342,500; Largo Downtown Drainage Ponds project (W281) for \$112,500; Lake Tarpon Water Quality Area 63 project (W734) for \$121,063; Shore Acres Stormwater Vaults project (W271) for \$175,000; and Biennial Seagrass Mapping of Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, and Charlotte Harbor project (W331) for \$17,500.

Motion carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 2)

7. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Election of Officers and Committee Representatives**

Mr. Fischer moved to retain the officers and committee representatives as they currently stand with the exception of the Basin Board Land Resources Committee. He suggested Mr. Hammer move to primary representative, leaving the alternate slot vacant until a new member is appointed to the Board. Ms. Hoppe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (CD 1/Track 2:16:57)

b. **Water Shortage Actions and Drought Messaging**

Mr. Michael Molligan, Communications Director, reported on current hydrologic conditions and recent emergency and water shortage actions the District has taken in response to the severe rainfall deficit. He used graphics to depict how the severity of the drought has worsened over the past 36 months and spoke of concerted efforts throughout the District to find alternative water sources and reduce existing demand for water. Public service advertising is being used extensively to promote water conservation.

This item was presented for the Basin Board's information; no action was required. (CD1/ Track 3)

c. **Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Preparation**

Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director, Resource Management Division, began the budget discussion with comments to orient Board members on their first look at a preliminary budget for fiscal year (FY) 2010. He emphasized the importance of the Board's direction on funding levels of the various budget categories, including

prioritization of Cooperative Funding proposals and other Basin projects. First-time cooperative funding proposals, after staff review, were tentatively ranked as 1A, High, Medium, or Low priority. Mr. Wirth explained that the cooperative funding project ranking was preliminary and further stated that the budget was prepared assuming ad valorem revenue at 12 percent below FY2009, which is estimated for planning purposes.

In June, staff will provide an updated ad valorem revenue estimate to the Basin Board and present a revised budget, based on the Board's input and further investigation by staff. At the August meeting, the Basin Board will vote on a final FY2010 millage rate and budget for recommendation to the Governing Board. (CD 1/Track 4)

Other topics of brief discussion during this presentation included alternate funding options, the Basin's contingency and reserve funds, and the importance of projects that produce or save water.

Mr. Wirth continued the budget discussion by briefly reviewing the preliminary budget and new Cooperative Funding projects. He reminded members that State funding is unknown at this time, staff continues to assess the real needs of the cooperators, and the budget process is in the beginning stages. Board members' questions on projects should be directed to the Project Manager, Mr. Mickel, Ms. Kavouras, or him.

Mr. Keith Appenzeller, King Engineering Associates, addressed the Board to ask favorable consideration of a project that seeks to confirm water savings, user friendliness, and consumer acceptance of a WaterOptimizer smart irrigation controller. (CD 1/Track 5 – Track 6:17:08)

Ms. Nan Bennett and Mr. Rod Thahey, City of Clearwater, thanked the Board for the longstanding relationship between the District and the City. She asked the Board for special consideration for several projects that were below the current funding line. (CD 1/Track 6:17:11)

Ms. Debbie Chayet, Pinellas County Culture, Education and Leisure Department, thanked the Board for funding projects in the past, particularly mentioning the Eagle Lake Park and Joe's Creek Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) projects. (CD 1/Track 6:17:19)

Regarding utilization of the Basin's H100, Water Supply and Resource Development (WSRD), reserves, **Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Mr. Renfro, (1) to use \$4 million of the Basin's WSRD reserves for projects that produce or save potable water, (2) to re-prioritize projects below the current funding line so those projects that produce or save potable water have higher rankings, and (3) to authorize staff accomplish these in the most efficient, best way possible. Motion carried unanimously.** (CD 1/Track 6:17:22)

Co-Chair Parks encouraged Board members to contact staff to answer questions on projects and to provide direction to staff on developing the Basin's preliminary budget, which will be presented at the June 3 Basin Board meeting.

d. **2011–2015 Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Roy Mazur, Planning Director, addressed the Board to provide a progress report on the latest update to the Strategic Plan (Plan), which is replacing the District Water Management Plan. He reviewed background of the Plan, goals for the 2011 update, and progress being made, emphasizing that the goal is not to re-write the Plan, but to fine-tune existing content. Mr. Mazur's presentation included an explanation of the three-tiered approach of staff involvement and an Annual Work Plan Report, which is statutorily required when a District Water Management Plan is replaced.

Updates to the Strategic Plan will be provided periodically to the Advisory Committees, Basin Boards, and Governing Board, with approval anticipated by the Governing Board in October 2009.

This item was presented for the Board's information. Although no formal action was required, Mr. Mazur stated that Board members' input is appreciated. (CD 1/Track 7)

e. **Other Business/Topics of Discussion from the Board**

Co-Chair Parks requested an update on the Clam Bayou project, which Mr. Eric DeHaven, Resource Data and Restoration Department Director, supplied. (CD 1/Track 8:16:57)

8. **Reports:**

a. **Joint Basin Board Education Committee/Basin Board Land Resources Committee Meeting**

Mr. Renfro reported the major focus of the joint meeting was to discuss ways to inform the public about District-owned property and opportunities the public has to use those properties. Integral to the process is informing the public of water issues and conservation--the education element. A full report of the joint meeting was included as an exhibit in the meeting notebook.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD1/Track 9)

b. **Governing Board Activities**

Board members had been provided a written report of the March 31 Governing Board meeting, which was held at District headquarters in Brooksville. Main topics of discussion were a land exchange with the Sunwest Acquisition Corporation and enactment of Phase IV water restrictions in the Tampa Bay area.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required. (CD 1/Track 9:16:59)

8. **Announcements**

- Co-Chair Parks brought members' attention to announcements listed on the agenda.
- Ms. Kavouras announced a Tampa Bay Water Regional Water Shortage Management Workshop on May 5, 2009, at the Tampa Convention Center. (CD1/Track 9:17:01)

9. **Adjournment**

When there was no other business to come before the Board, Co-Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. (CD 1/Track 9:17:02)

******Information Items******

The items listed below were for the Board's information, intended to keep the Board apprised of completed projects, cancelled projects, and projects that have executed contracts and are ready to begin. These items did not require Board action.

1. Pasco County Design and Construction of the Odessa High Service Pump Expansion
2. Pinellas County Landscape and Irrigation Evaluation Pilot Project (N104) – Cancellation Notice
3. City of Tarpon Springs Alternative Water Supply Project (L825) – Execution Notice

4. Pasco County Ultra-Low Volume Toilet Rebate Program - Phase II (N114) – Execution Notice
5. Tampa Bay Estuary Program Non-Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Work Plan (W027) – Execution Notice
6. Pinellas County Long Bayou/Lake Seminole Bypass Canal Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility (W267) – Execution Notice
7. Homeland/Sawgrass Watershed (W277) – Execution Notice

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